

Arizona School for the Arts
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Zoom Online Conference
July 16, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.

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<i>Present: (voting members in bold)</i>					
Anthony Dietz, President	P	Carlos Contreras, Vice President	P	David Garcia, Secretary/Treasurer	P
Javier Cárdenas, Past President	P	John Snider	P	Alexander Laing	P
Betty Hum	P	Marcia Mintz	P	Kevin Allen	P
Allison Otu	P	Karen Lugosi	P	Ed Finn	P
Heidi Jannenga, Pending Board Member	P	John O’Neal, Pending Board Member	P	Ricky Livoni, Honorary Academic Faculty	A
Aaron Thacker, Honorary Arts Faculty	A	Jesus Lopez, Honorary Alumni Member	A	Leah Fregulia, Head of School/CEO	P
Sara Maline Bohn, Principal	P	Jessica Wooley, Executive Assistant	P	Leslie Tan Religioso, Development & Marketing Director	A
Liz Clark, Vice Principal	P	Drew Maxwell, Operations Director	P	Liz Shaw, Business Director	P
Monica Anthony, Arts Director and Vice Principal of Student Services	P	Jamie Bledsoe, Office Administrator	P		

Call to Order

Anthony Dietz, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Call to the Public

Anthony Dietz made a call to the public, public members present included: Dr. Susan Pepin, ASA Parent and Director of Clinical Health and Partnerships at Arizona State University. Dr. Pepin delivered a presentation on COVID-19 updates, which included data specific to COVID-19 cases in Arizona as well as data from New York for comparison. Dr. Pepin’s presentation highlighted some major concerns for Arizona including: low testing rates, poor case investigations/contact tracing, lack of education on isolation after testing, and an overall lack of critical public health efforts. Dr. Javier Cárdenas added that one of the biggest issues surrounding COVID-19 and re-entry is the lack of coordination amongst state and county agencies and health departments.

Discussion Items

After receiving data and information from Dr. Pepin and Dr. Cárdenas regarding the community environment, Tony Dietz asked Leah Fregulia to review the Return to School Plan for SY 2020-2021. Leah shared a PowerPoint, which highlighted the key points from the Return to School Plan. In forming the plan to return to school, ASA Administration and the COVID-19 Task Force used resources and considerations such as CDC, AAP, and WHO Guidelines, the ADE Roadmap for Reopening Schools, Governor’s orders, local community health conditions, and assessment of local school districts. The plan for returning to school proposed to continue online learning through the 1st quarter (August 18th to October 17th), with a decision point on September 21st to determine a plan for 2nd quarter. Throughout the 1st quarter, community health conditions will be monitored and ASA families/faculty will be surveyed. Results will be shared with the Board of Directors on a monthly basis. Additionally, ASA will prepare and share a hybrid learning model which will primarily be online and supplemented with on campus enrichments and support (when safe to do so). Continued training and support will be provided for ASA families and faculty.

Leah highlighted priorities heading into ASA’s 20-21 school year, which included: the health and safety of students/faculty/staff, remaining innovative, maintaining connection within the ASA Community, ensuring equity in education/support/engagement, and accountability. Leah also shared that there is continuous planning underway for policies, support, and resources which will eventually be shared with ASA families and faculty and will be posted on the school’s

website. Lastly, Leah shared that there will be weekly communication to families and faculty as well as continued surveys, monthly Board reports, and quarterly decision making.

Carlos Contreras asked if this plan for returning to school would incur any additional costs and Leah explained the cost of COVID-19 related expenses have already been researched by Drew Maxell and accounted for in the budget for the 20-21 school year. Ed Finn asked how “essential workers” will be defined while discussing the needs of students whose parents/caretakers are working outside of their home. Leah explained that the language from the Governor’s executive order provides that public schools must provide a place for “students who do not have a safe and productive work environment”. Karen Lugosi and Carlos Contreras asked about the process and obligation to report if there were a positive case of COVID-19 at ASA. Leah responded that a policy is currently being developed regarding this matter. Heidi Jannenga asked if there was a plan for students or faculty who may still not feel comfortable returning to campus once it re-opens, to which Leah responded that a plan will be developed to support individuals who may need to continue online learning/teaching.

Action Items

Approval of Return to School Plan SY 2020-2021:

Approval for ASA opening school year 2020-2021 in an online learning mode for the first quarter beginning on August 18th and ending on October 17, 2020. The Board will continue to evaluate and monitor the situation on a regular basis and follow all state and federal mandates as they may be issued.

Javier Cárdenas moved to adopt the Return to School Plan SY 2020-2021. The motion was seconded by Karen Lugosi and passed unanimously without further discussion. (Dietz, Contreras, Garcia, Cárdenas, Snider, Allen, Mintz, Laing, Hum, Otu, Lugosi, and Finn voting in favor.)

Adjournment

Ed Finn made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Carlos Contreras and passed unanimously without further discussion. (Dietz, Contreras, Garcia, Cárdenas, Snider, Allen, Mintz, Laing, Hum, Otu, Lugosi, and Finn voting in favor.)

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Minutes reviewed and accepted on this date 07/29/2020.

By: Carlos Contreras Board Member.